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### **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the August 14, 2017, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

#### **Board members present:**

Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer; Lori Curtis, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

#### **Board members absent:**

Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Pete Woll, Vice-Chairman. Absences are excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth, Cynthia Ingelfinger and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Kurt Hafferman; John Powell; Tiffany Martin, River Steward; Jerry & Christi Nielsen; Samantha Tappenbeck, Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM); Trista Arentz; Teri Beatty; Butch Kowalka.

### **MINUTES**

Lori Curtis made a motion "to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 Business meeting as presented." Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Emails: 2018 Research, Education & Development, and Local Cooperative grants. Contact Jasmine Reimer, MT Dept. of Agriculture, 406-444-7882, [jreimer@mt.gov](mailto:jreimer@mt.gov)
2. Email: Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) newsletter *Watershed News*. MWCC & Water Activities Work Group (WAWG) 2017 Watershed Projects Tour, September 18-20, [www.mtwatersheds.org](http://www.mtwatersheds.org)
3. Email: For those impacted by fires, or producers that may be interested in donating or have pasture/hay to share: go to <http://agr.mt.gov/Hay-Hotline>
4. Email: McCone CD has funding available to support your soil health education & demonstration efforts. Contact McCone CD <https://mcconecountycd.com>
5. Email: 2017 MACD Convention, November 14-16, Holiday Inn, Bozeman. Questions regarding the live auction *To the Moon & Back*, contact Gallatin CD 406-282-4350, [admin@gallatincd.org](mailto:admin@gallatincd.org)
6. Email: Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Area Meetings: All information (nominations for the MACD Board, Resolutions, interest in convention, partial dues letters, etc.) that is to be distributed to the Districts, prior to the Area meetings, must be sent to Elena Evans, MACD by September 1, 406-443-5711, <http://macdnet.org>
7. Email: The 8/17 Whitefish Planning Board August meeting has been cancelled.



- <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/boards-and-committees/whitefish-city-county-planning-board.php>
8. Email: MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) AIS reminders and updates  
<http://fwp.mt.gov>
  9. Email: Glacier County CD Annual Crop Tour, July 26, Cut Bank. Contact 406-873-4292 Ext. 101, [glaciercountycd@gmail.com](mailto:glaciercountycd@gmail.com)
  10. Email: Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) July 19 & August 2 issues of *The Montana Conservationist* <http://swcdm.org>
  11. Email: Cascade CD July newsletter *Conservation Chronicle*  
<http://www.cascadecd.com>
  12. Email: The NRCS opened up an EQIP opportunity that can be a big benefit to producers suffering loss from fires. It provides assistance with livestock grazing deferment, damaged fence and post removal, livestock fencing, water facility development, critical area plantings, and cover crops.  
Application deadline is Aug 15.  
<http://www.northernag.net/AGNews/AgNewsStories/TabId/657/ArtMID/2927/ArticleID/8304/NRCS-Offers-Wildfire-Recovery-Assistance-to-Ag-Producers-in-Montana.aspx>
  13. Email: The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Reclamation and Development Grants (RDG) Program planning grants. Applications due September 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Heidi Anderson Fohnagy, (406) 444-6691, [hfohnagy@mt.gov](mailto:hfohnagy@mt.gov)
  14. Email: Lake CD seeking opinions and comments on the concept of establishing a Conservation Forest in Lake County. Comment period ends August 31. Contact Lake County CD 406-676-2811 Ext. 102, <http://lakecountyconservationdistrict.org>, or Jim Simpson 406-883-0168.
  15. The Montana Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society is sponsoring the *Get on the Bus* Soil Health tour of farms & ranches in the Dakotas that have drastically improved the health of their soil and economics. The bus leaves Billings 8:30 AM 9/12 and returns 7:00 PM 8/14. Registration \$175.  
Contacts: Mark Henning 406-853-5452, Marni Thompson 406-596-1195, Ann Fischer 701-523-6953, [www.mtswcs.org](http://www.mtswcs.org)
  16. Save the Date, 2018 Winter Grazing Seminar, February 6-7, Radisson Colonial Inn, Helena. Contact Lewis & Clark CD 406-449-5000, Ext. 112, [www.lccd@mt.net](mailto:www.lccd@mt.net)
  17. Save the Date, Petroleum and Fergus CD's are co-hosting the Montana Range Tour, September 6-7, 2018, Lewiston. <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program/montana-range-tour>
  18. Email: 2017 nomination information for CD Employee/Supervisor of the year awards. Contact Carie Hess, Petroleum CD, 406-429-6646, Ext. 104  
[petroleumcd@midrivers.com](mailto:petroleumcd@midrivers.com)
  19. Email: Montana Range Tour 2017, September 6-7, Lewistown, MT. Contact Petroleum County CD 406-429-6646, Ext. 104. Register on-line at  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-montana-range-tour-tickets-35394023477](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-montana-range-tour-tickets-35394023477)
  20. Email: Clark Fork & Kootenai River Basins Council updates from the Montana Watershed Coordination Council. <http://mtwatersheds.org/app>
  21. Email: Montana Watershed Coordination Council August 10<sup>th</sup> newsletter *Watershed News* <http://mtwatersheds.org>
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### **FINANCIAL**

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Whitefish Lake Institute \$500.00
2. UI Contributions Bureau \$114.34
3. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56
4. Montana Sky Networks \$20.00
5. Flathead Beacon \$528.00
6. Byte Savvy \$45.00
7. Jean Bromley \$814.69
8. VISA \$595.99

Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** No one was present to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

### **310**

**BEATTY**, FL2017035, Flathead River, bank stabilization/dock: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, August 23, 9:00 A.M. at the site. CANCELLED. The on-site was re-scheduled for Friday, August 25, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

**BRUNSKILL**, FL2017032, Flathead River, rock/debris removal: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per John Ellis’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMPTON**, FL2017034E, Whitefish River, notice of emergency: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, August 16, 11:30 A.M. at the site.

**DEAULT FAMILY PROPERTIES**, FL2017024, Mill Creek, irrigation structure: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to table.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**EVANS**, FL2017033, Flathead River, rock/vegetation: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the application as submitted per John Ellis’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**GOODWIN**, FL2017019C, Mill Creek tributary, complaint: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “this is a violation. An after the fact 310 application is to be submitted by the landowner. No additional work is needed.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



**KOWALKA**, FL2017029C, Lost Creek, complaint: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, August 21, 10:00 A.M. at the site.

**LEWIS**, FL2017037C, Ashley Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to send the standard complaint letter to Mr. Lewis.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Verdell Jackson made a motion “because this landowner is from out of state, and he is here working on the project under permit FL2017012, Verdell Jackson will contact Mr. Lewis and make arrangements to visit the site.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The on-site inspection was set for Monday, August 21, 2:00 P.M. at the site.

**NIELSEN**, FL2017036, Stillwater River/Martin Creek, culverts: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, August 21, 11:30 A.M. at the site.

**SHELTER VLY RD ASSOC**, FL2017028, Patrick Creek, culvert extension, road repair: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Kenny Breidinger’s and Dean Sirucek’s team member reports. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VISSOTZKY**, FL2017030, Stillwater River, dock: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WALTERS**, FL2017025, Flathead River, road/fill/dock/utilities/residence: Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application with modifications as amended by the letter & attached drawing submitted by Hafferman Engineering dated 7/27/2017. Shrub planting will be placed along the northeast corner of the house fill embankment area, approximately 20 feet to the west and 20 feet to the south. The proposed viewing platform piers are not to be in the water. The piers for the proposed platform are to be constructed above the high-water mark on existing terrain. The specifications for proposed dock are acceptable, but they are outside the current rules as far as the dock length.” Motion died for lack of second.

John Ellis made a motion “to table the application, and between now and the next 310 or business meeting, schedule a site visit for any board member that wants to look at it; and that we contact our two absent board members and urge them to come to the next 310 or business meeting.” Lori Curtis seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously. *Verdell Jackson abstained from voting.*

An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 A.M. at the site. Kenny Breidinger, FWP, and supervisors John Ellis, Lori Curtis and Ronald Buenteimeier will attend. A second on-site inspection will be scheduled for a later date.

**WINDNAGLE**, FL2017031, Flathead River, dock: An on-site inspection was set for Wednesday, August 23, 9:45 A.M. at the site.



**NEW BUSINESS**

**DEQ VIOLATION (Struck):** Dean Sirucek reported he had contacted DEQ regarding the complaint they had received against Struck. Dean stated this is an isolated wetland and not attached to Flathead River. Flathead CD does not have an official complaint. No follow-up is needed by Flathead CD.

**HASKILL BASIN RD CULVERT REPLACEMENT GR #223-17-3491:** Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the invoice from Robert Peccia & Associates dated 7/13/17 in the amount of \$16,000.00 for Haskill Basin Road Culvert Replacement grant #223-17-3471, and submit to DNRC for payment.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**AREA V MEETING REGISTRATION:** Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to approve the registration fee in the amount of \$20 for Tiffany Martin to attend the Area V meeting on 9/26/17.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

- Pollinator Planting Tour, Lake CD, August 29, 2:30 P.M.
- Upcoming Dates & Information
- Lori Curtis has been accepted to the AIS Advisory Board - Upper Columbia Conservation Commission.
- Education Grant
- Ford Explorer carbon monoxide issues. Valerie Kurth stated the dealership said to wait for a recall notice.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 28, 2017, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Lori Curtis made a motion “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Submitted By: Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

*Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:*

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| <u>8/28/2017</u> | <u>Ronald Buentemeier</u> | <u>Chairman</u>                         |
| (Date)           | (Signature)               | (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.) |

